

BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE

OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES

July 30, 2020

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Virtual Meeting Notice

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

OS-0730-01	<p><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></p> <p>The Meeting was called to order at 9:12am by Board Chairperson, Carolyn Williams a quorum was established and maintained.</p> <p>A. Board Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carolyn Williams- Present • Betty Akpan- Present • Carla Seals- Present • Donae Magett- Present <p>B. Board Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aisha Nixon, Executive Director- Present • Panravee Vongjaroenrat, Attorney- Present • Emilia Moran, Investigator- Present • Kevin Waugh, Health Licensing Specialist- Absent • Ashley Balma, Health Licensing Specialist- Present
OS-0730-02	<p><u>Acceptance of the Open Session Agenda</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u></p> <p>Acceptance of the July 30, 2020 Open Session Agenda.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p>A motion was made to accept the July 30, 2020 Open Session Agenda by Betty Akpan. The motion was seconded by Donae Magett.</p> <p>Carolyn Williams, Betty Akpan, Carla Seals, Donae Magett all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>

MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS

OS-0730-03	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT</u></p> <p>Executive Director, Ms. Aisha Nixon welcomed all Board Members and Staff to the July 30, 2020 Respiratory Care Meeting. Ms. Nixon Informed</p>
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	<p>the Board that there are 792 active licensees currently under the Board of Respiratory Care. DC Health is still operating under the Mayor's Directives for Phase 2 Re-Open DC and DC Health staff will continue to work remotely.</p> <p>The Mayor of DC has mandated that masks be worn in public and on public transportation. When residents and visitors travel from other states, they are required to self-quarantine for 14 days. This will help in the efforts to reduce the spread of the virus.</p>	
OS-0730-04	<p><u>BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT</u></p> <p>No Report</p>	
OS-0730-05	<p><u>BOARD CHAIRS'S REPORT</u></p> <p>Board Chair, Ms. Carolyn Williams welcomed the Board staff and members to the July 30, 2020 Respiratory Care meeting. Ms. Williams informed the Board that the American Association of Respiratory Care (AARC) sponsored their virtual learning event which allowed licensee's the opportunity to obtain 10 CEUs. The virtual learning event was a wonderful opportunity for Respiratory Therapists to come together in a safe space and be able to learn new things and updates surrounding Respiratory Therapy.</p> <p>Ms. Williams also informed the Board that the Annual AARC Congress will be canceled due to COVID-19, the AARC hopes to have this even re-scheduled next year potentially when it is safer for everyone to come together.</p>	
OS-0730-06	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the May 11, 2020 meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> The motion was made to accept the May 11, 2020 meeting minutes by Ms. Betty Akpan. This motion was seconded by Ms. Carla Seals.</p> <p>Carolyn Williams, Betty Akpan, Carla Seals and Donae Magett all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

DISCUSSION ITEMS

OS-0730-07	<p><u>Post COVID-19</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Discuss possible telehealth policy/regulations that can be implement in the future.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Mayor issued an Administrative Order that waived licensure requirements and for the allowance of telehealth. The Office of Health Professional Licensing would like all the Boards to look at drafting regulations to address the role telehealth will play in the District post COVID-19.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> No motion needed, FYI Only.</p>	
OS-0730-08	<p><u>Workforce Survey</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> To provide feedback regarding core questions related to the profession.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> The Health Regulation and Licensing Administration plans to incorporate workforce surveys during renewals for all professions. The Workforce Survey is used to capture the distribution of healthcare providers across the District and obtain feedback regarding hot topics related to your profession.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> No motion needed, FYI only.</p>	
OS-0730-09	<p><u>MOTION TO CLOSE:</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Upon conclusion of the open session meeting and pursuant to the DC Official Code 2-575(b) and for the purposes set forth therein, the Board will move into the closed executive session portion of the meeting to consult with the Board attorney, discuss disciplinary matters and hear reports concerning violations of the law or regulations.</p>	

	<p><u>Motion:</u> The motion to close Open Session was made by Ms. Betty Akpan at 9:43am. The motion was seconded by Ms. Carla Seals.</p> <p>Carolyn Williams, Betty Akpan, Carla Seals, and Donae Magget all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0730-10	<p><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN:</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> To adjourn the meeting.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> At the end of every meeting, a motion to adjourn must be made in open session to close out the business of the Boards.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> The motion to Adjourn the meeting was made at 10:14am by Ms. Betty Akpan. The motion was seconded by Donae Magett.</p> <p>Carolyn Williams, Betty Akpan, Carla Seals and Donae Magett all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

This ends the Open Session Agenda, next meeting is scheduled for November 09, 2020

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